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What do you call a place that you have spent over half of your life at? A school? To me, this is not just a school that I have attended for nine years of my life. There can only be one name for a place that I have made life-long friendships, received an exceptional education, and a place where love through Jesus is the most important gift of all: home.

I call St. Monica School my home away from home because everyone there provides a true atmosphere of learning , living, and loving through Jesus. When I leave to go to high school, I will be confident because I know that I have received a terrific education provided by amazing teachers and staff at St. Monica. My days here are slowly but surely winding down and frankly I am a little scared to leave this school which has been my second home for over three quarters of my life. On the other side, I know that St. Monica has given me the tools and opportunities to branch out and fly by myself. At St. Monica I have made all my Catholic milestones. From the sacraments of Baptism to Communion and then back while in high school to make my Confirmation. It is because of St. Monica that I knew my next step would be to strongly consider a Catholic high school, because I knew that it would not feel right anywhere else. Every time I walk into the doors of St. Monica, I feel proud to go to a school where you are deeply rooted in values that matter.

St. Monica School has been in my life for a long time and I could not imagine going to a different school. Everyone here has always been there for me, in good times and in bad. My parents have entrusted me to this school and I have loved going here since I was a little girl. Looking ahead to graduation day I know that there are doors that I have unlocked, and many more to pass through on my journey.